PERSONAL MENTION

The commencement exercises of Oakville High School will be given Thursday night May 17th, beginning at 8 o'clock. Every one is invited to come.

Miss Virginia Hunter was the week-end guest of Miss Nannie C. Caldwell.

The play "Which One Won" was neat sum of $65.94 was realized. Everyone pronounced the play a great success.

The baccalaureate services of Oakville High School will be held Sunday night May 13 at Red Oak Baptist Church at 8 o'clock by Rev. W. G. Bates, Jr.

Mr. Raymond Lawson is on the sick list this week.

Mr. Harry Taylor, of Philadelphia is visiting relatives at the Old Courthouse.

Miss Irene Smith is visiting her sister, Miss Gladys, at Holcomb Rock, Va.

Miss Georgia Shephard, of Buckingham Court-house has returned from a visit to relatives here and in the county.

Mrs. S. L. Ferguson, who has been confined to the hospital at Richmond, has returned to her home here.

Mrs. J. W. Patteson and daughter, Earle, Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Doss, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Coleman, Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Torrence and children spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Torrence, near Brookneal Va.

Mr. Hallis Burks spent the past week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Burke.

Hon. S. L. Ferguson returned to his home on Friday evening after having spent several weeks at the Johnston-Willis hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Johnson spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Ferguson at Callan.

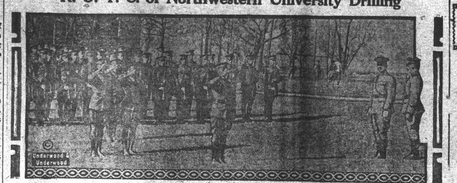
Mrs. J. D. Reid and sister, Miss Eunice Gallier, of Crewe, have returned from a visit to their parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Gallier here.

Deputy Sheriff D. A. Connor was a business visitor in Lynchburg the first of the week.

Misses Mary Judith and Sammie Ferguson spent the week-end with frinds in Lynchburg.

Several people of the village attended the baseball game at Altavista last Saturday.

R. O. T. C. of Northwestern University Drilling

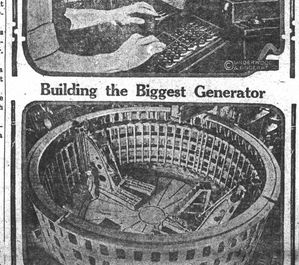


Here are the cadets of the R. O. T. C. of Northwestern University at Evanston, Ill. They are being well drilled by Lieut. Col. Fred Burkart and Maj. Lewis E. Byrne.

Sorting of Mail Is Done by Machine

This new mechanical contrivance, designed to insure an early dispatch of mail, has been installed in the Washington post office. Five men at keyboards like this one operate the machine like a linotype machine and by the pressure of two keys on the keyboard each letter in front of the operator is sent on its way to a particular cell or compartment.

Building the Biggest Generator



The largest generator in the world is being installed by the General Electric company for the Niagara Falls Power company on the American side of the Falls. This machine, when completed, will supply 87,000 horsepower, or energy equivalent to the muscle power of 375,000 men.

Brave Phone Girls Stick to Posts

Scores of towns in eastern Pennsylvania have been endangered by forest fires raging in the Pocono mountains, about 25 miles north of the Delaware water gap. Great timber belts have been destroyed in the neighborhood of Bushkill falls and Resica. Hundreds of men and boys were mobilized by the state forestry department to fight the blazes.

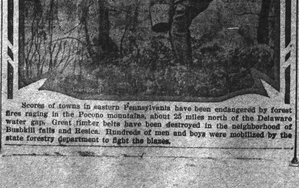
GIANT SPECIES OF CENTIPEDE

Reptiles Found in Trinidad Secrete a Poison Which Enables Them to Paralyze Their Prey.

Trinidad centipedes have been presented to the London zoo, an exchange says. They are more than a foot long, and at the broadest part nearly half an inch across. They are dark brown, with rings on the long footers and on the legs, a pair of which projects from each fattened segment of the body. These tropical centipedes live in sharp places, hidden under bark, stones or dead leaves, moving chiefly at night. They run quickly and can climb vertical surfaces if there is any foothold for their claws. They are entirely carnivorous, living on insects, grubs, small birds or mammals, which they kill with their venom.

It has been shown that the whole of the body of these centipedes secreter a volatile venom, so that even the wounds made by the sharp claws are extremely painful. The under surface of the head carries a formidable pair of poison fangs, the venom of which escapes by a pore in the claw, being formed by large glands at the base of the claws. The venom is an acid opalescent liquid, hardly soluble with water. When injected into the veins of rabbits it produces instantaneous paralysis, with coagulation of the blood; when injected under the skin enormous abscesses are rapidly formed. The bite is very painful to human beings, but has not been known to be fatal, although it causes insomnia, local swelling and occasionally ulcers.

MOST BEAUTIFUL GIRL



Miss Florine Findlay Dellaer, aged sixteen, of Bristol, Va., has been selected as the "most beautiful girl in America" in a nation-wide diagest conducted by a group of magazines published in New York. She is to visit New York as the guest of the magazines and will pose for noted American portrait painters and sculptors.

Pennsylvania Fights Big Fires

MME. GRACIE

Pretty Wife of Secretary of the Brazilian Embassy.

Madame de Sousa Leao Gracie, wife of the secretary of the Brazilian embassy at Washington, is not only one of the most popular members of the diplomatic corps but is the only woman attached to the Brazilian embassy and therefore is hostess at all functions taking place at the embassy. Ambassador Alencar is a bachelor.

DEPOSED BY BOLSHEVIKI

This is the khan of Khiva, ruler of the territory south of the Aral sea, who was taken prisoner by the Bolsheviki and confined in the Buturk prison at Moscow. The khan has been succeeded by an ex-American tailor who, it is said, has also taken as legal wife a harem of three hundred wives.

MICKIE SAYS—

WORRIES THE ALLIES

This is a new photograph of Rear Admiral Colby M. Chester, U. S. N., retired, who obtained from the Turkish Nationalist government the extensive concession to which the French, British and Italians are objecting.

TURKS REJECT ALL ALLIED PROPOSALS

Angora's Attitude Appears to Be "Surrender to Our Terms or Resume War."

Lausanne.—Following two days of conciliatory talk, during which there were no sessions, the Turks again have thrown the Lausanne Peace Conference into gloom, and after the last meeting the situation seems to be that the Allies have the choice of letting the Turks write their own peace treaty or of resuming war against them. The one bright hope is that the Turks may realize that even Turkish bluffs have their limits.

When the Allies accepted the principle of abolition of the capitulations, they set about getting compensating guarantees for their nationals in Turkey, where centuries of experience have shown that without some protection foreigners cannot do business; because of this situation the capitulations came into being.

When the conference reached previous relating to foreign enterprises the Turks read one of their laws stating that no foreign company or corporation might do business as such in Turkey, but the enterprise must be conducted by a Turkish company formed under and answering to Turkish laws. The Allies asked that all Turkish companies in which foreign capital was predominant should have special protection. This brought a reply from Ismet Pasha that Turkey could not consent to allow for the influence to interfere between the angora government and Turkish nationals, adding that the Turks considered a Turkish company as in the same category as Turkish nationals.

LATEST EVENTS AT WASHNGTON

Secretary Hughes will carry flight to restore right to drugs to world court of League of Nations.

U. S. to make test of "open door" agreement in China over alleged Japanese obstruction of Federal Telegraph Company's radio contract.

Representative Graham of Illinois to offer bill forbidding American ships to sell liquor on high seas.

Standard Oil fight on independents likely to be massacre, says La Follette.

State Department announces it will support Chester grant only so far as its rights are clearly established.

Rate war between cable and radio holds up new cable lines.

British ambition to command all seas may convert Congress to gun elevation plan.

Samuel Gompers comes out in support of President Harding's world court plan.

Freer Gallery of Art formally opened to public.

Norman E. Mack's proposed wet plank finds little favor with Democratic leaders.

Curtailment of drug production held only hope of curbing evil, antinarcotic conference is told.

Harding to let public decide world court issue.

Demands on Presidential boom for Carter Glass under way.

President Harding considers sugar boycott unfair and will not recommend it.

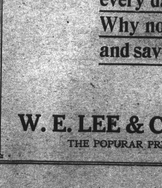
One hundred $1,000 Farm Loan bonds missing from Bureau of Engraving and Printing.

Washington scientist says sun's strike will get worse until 1926 or 1927; others disagree.

Revelation by The World of oil control war results in Federal investigation of entire industry.

"Next Friend."

"Next friend," in law, is an adult, other than a guardian, who appears in an action another person, who is incompetent to maintain a suit in his own behalf.



When you get a souvenir post card from a friend you are asked to write on it the name of the person who sent you. If you find that some person has received a souvenir card from the same friend.

MICKIE SAYS—

QUEEN OF THE FIESTA

Miss Olive Louis Martindale of San Antonio, Tex., who was crowned Queen of the Court of the Sea during the annual Fiesta de San Jacinto.

MICKIE SAYS—

Preaching Services at Presbyterian Church

Preaching at Appomattox C. P. Presbyterian Church next Sunday, May 13th at 11 o'clock, by Mr. S. W. Summerville, Superintendent of Home Missions of West Hanover Presbytery. Public and members cordially invited.

For County Treasurer

To the Voters of Appomattox County:

I am a candidate for Treasurer subject to the Democratic Primary to be held August 7th, 1923. The support of all the voters is solicited and will be greatly appreciated.

A. R. HARWOOD.

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VIRGINIA GROWS AS AN INDUSTRIAL CENTER OF UNION

Lynchburg Famed As Location of Some of the Largest Shoe Factories.

SUFFOLK THE PEANUT MARKET OF THE GLOBE

Danville Long a Leader for Leaf Tobacco Markets—Largest Drydock in State.

(By CARTER W. WORMELY)

Richmond, May 23. (Special to The Times-Virginian)—Being blessed by nature with an abundance of natural wealth, both in iron, coal and other minerals, to say nothing of its water power, harbors, fertility and climate, Virginia has rapidly forged to the front in manufacturing and shipping recent years, so that today she possesses world rank in many outputs. The following facts are supplied from the State Department of Labor through the kindness of the Commissioner, John Hopkins Hall.

At Richmond, the State capitol, is located the plant of the P. Lorillard Company, largest manufacturers of cigars in the world with a capacity of 2,250,000 cigars per day. Also the Liggett-Myers Tobacco Company, largest manufacturer of cigarettes, with a capacity of 40,000,000 per day. The Standard Paper Company, largest manufacturer of blotters and of stereotype paper. The C. F. Sauer Flavoring Extract Company, largest manufacturer of bottled extracts, with a daily capacity of 125,000 bottles. The American Locomotive Company (Richmond Branch), the third largest in the United States. This plant can turn out a locomotive a day and at one time had a capacity of 5,000 locomotives a year.

In 1920 there were 80,000,000 pounds of leaf tobacco sold here. The Riverside and Dan River Cotton Mills, at Danville ranks easily among the largest in the world. This plant has 451,312 spindles, 12,499 looms and 5,600 employees. It possesses ninety-one acres of floor space and has an annual production of 154,326,355 yards of cloth, or a daily average of 500 miles.

Norfolk has just completed a $3,000,000 municipal grain elevator with a capacity of 850,000,000 bushels a year. Cotton receipts at Norfolk in 1922 amounted to 257,000 bales, with exports of 238,027 bales. Norfolk, Portsmouth and Newport News, representing the Port of Hampton Roads in 1922 exported 209,000,210 pounds of tobacco and 14,909,552 tons of coal.

The largest drydock in America is at Portsmouth. The Navy Yard here is also among the largest. The Newport News Shipbuilding and Drydock Company is among the largest plants of its kind in the United States.

At Petersburg is located the largest trunk and bag factory in the world; in Lynchburg stand some of the world largest shoe factories.

The largest manufacturer of artificial silk operates at Roanoke, where the 2,600 employees are soon to be increased to 3,600. Roanoke has also large flour and meal mills, as well as structural steel works.

Suffolk is the peanut market of the world as well as the home of large candy manufactories.

The Turbine Silk Mill at Hopewell is the second largest artificial silk manufacturing plant in the world. It owns 200 acres of ground and has a floor space of 7,000,000 square feet. The finest export cattle, the finest apples, the finest oysters, the finest men and women are grown in Virginia. Most industries throughout the State are working full blast. A building boom is also sweeping the Commonwealth. Building permits issued in Richmond for 1922 amounted to upwards of $15,000,000. During the first four months of the present year similar operations at the State Capital approximated $7,500,000.

Virginia has just begun to grow.

CAN PLAY BASEBALL IN ROANOKE COUNTY SUNDAY

Roanoke, May 23.—Sunday ball playing in Roanoke County will not be interfered with in so long as the players do not violate the law, and the team mangers summoned to the Vinton Police Court on account of a game played last Sunday on the Cannaday farm have been dismissed, Magistrate M. L. Lankford, of Vinton, announced Monday morning, following a conference with Commonwealth's Attorney Robert T. Hubard.

BEDFORD DEFEATS APPOMATTOX IN A BRILLIANT GAME

The Bedford team of the Tri-County League won over Appomattox in the first league game to be played on the home grounds this season.

The game was replete with brilliant fielding and very effective pitching by both the Appomattox and Bedford twirlers. Tom Ferrel, who pitched for Bedford performed the remarkable feat of pitching a no-hit game. It was even more remarkable in that no Appomattox players reached first base. This unusual performance is only seen in one out of abut every thousand games. The Appomattox pitcher was almost as effective as his opponent, allowing only 3 hits. These hits however came at a time when they counted for runs, visiting team winning by a score of 2-0.

In the seventh inning with the bases filled and no one down, Appomattox retired Bedford without allowing them to score.

The game was the best ever played on the home grounds, and although it resulted in a victory for the visitors the Appomattox team has nothing to be ashamed of in the class of ball exhibited to the large crowd who witnessed the game. The game was much better played than many big league games which the writer has witnessed.

If Appomattox can continue to play this class of ball there will always be a large and enthusiastic crowd of spectators to witness the home games. We urge the people of Appomattox to turn out and support the home team. A schedule of all games to be played this season will be posted in all of the postoffices in the county and many of the stores, and anyone can see at a glance when the home team plays on Appomattox ground.

FORD CAR PRODUCTION

Wednesday, May 9, is to be a 6,000 mark on the Ford New Yorker production line, it was announced through the Ford News.

The production on that day was 6,615, exceeding by 25 the last highest day, Friday, May 4, when a record of 6,590 was established.

The twenty-eight assembly plants of the Ford Motor Company throughout the country operate on an eight hour day basis, and turning out of 6,615 completed cars and trucks in a day means that there were one of the assembly lines at the rate of one every four seconds.

To make this enormous output possible, the tremendous manufacturing facilities of the company, embracing the great Highland Park and River Rouge plants and other factory units, are operating on a twenty-four day of three eight hour shifts employing more than 100,000 men.

Ford high quality standards are consistently maintained in every operation entering into the construction of these popular cars.

BEDFORD CITIZENS SHOW "SYMPATHY" TOWARD HARDING

Bedford, May 23.—A resolution expressing sympathy for Marion, Ohio, reported to be in financial distress, and calling upon President Harding not to assess any tax "upon us for the benefit of Marion," was passed at a mass meeting held here Monday.

Recognizing the "intense love, which our President bears for his home town and citizens thereof, as evidenced by his appointment of H. M. Stowe, as postmaster at Bedford," the resolution says that Bedford has a bonded indebtness of her own and finds taxes burdensome, and is "not able to assume any additional financial obligations."

"In our opinion," says the resolution, the assessment of a special tax to aid Marion "would be as illegal and unprecedented as the appointment by the President of a citizen of Marion, Ohio, as our postmaster at Bedford, but not more so and if one can be done why not the other? Hence our apprehension and alarm.

"We most earnestly request our President not to press this cup to our lips at this time, but for the present pass us by and we will promise him that if at any time in the future we can be of any assistance or help to Marion, Ohio, such is our gratitude and appreciation of his past acts we will not fail him or Marion, Ohio."

Our advice to Appomattox boys is not to marry a girl until they've heard her talk to her mother when she thinks nobody is listening.

RICHMOND NAMED FOR MEETING OF STATE TEACHERS

Executive Committee of Virginia Educational Conference Plans for Program.

GENERAL TOPIC FOR DISCUSSION GIVEN

Adequate Financial Support and Educational Output to Be Considered.

(By CARTER W. WORMELY)

Richmond, May 23. (Special to The Times-Virginian) — The Executive Committee of the Virginia Educational Conference met in the annual session in Richmond recently and made plans for the next annual meeting of the conference, it was learned at the State Department.

Cornelius J. Heatwood, Executive Secretary of the State Teachers' Association, was elected secretary of the conference committee. It will be his duty to edit the handbook of the conference and to arrange for special transportation rates in connection withe the conference. Heatwood is the Secretary of the State Board of Education has acted as secretary of the State Board of Education.

Richmond was chosen as the next meeting place of the conference which annually has in attendance from three to four thousand teachers and school officials. The meeting will be held as usual during Thanksgiving week, but with a slightly different schedule. Instead of the trustees and superintendents meeting on Tuesday as heretofore, all conference programs will begin on Wednesday, November 28 and the conference will close on Saturday December 1. Otherwise the same general schedule program will obtain.

The general topic for consideration by the conference will be, adequate financial support and educational output for Virginia, or what has been done for the children of Virginia and what they have a right to expect.

The Conference indicated that he thought the topic for discussion was especially appropriate in the light of the fact that the General Assembly of Virginia will convene in regular session next January. "It is important" he said "that the public have a clear definite, and simple statement of the educational situation in Virginia, at this time. In a democracy it is of importance for the public to be informed regarding its institutions, and because of the general concern for education and the large expenditures for this term it is all the more important that the public should have facts relative to its schools.

Because of the increased professionalization in teaching and the quickened interest of the part of the rank and file of teachers in the larger educational consideration of the State it is probable that the next educational conference will attract to Richmond a larger attendance at the conference than ever before. Virginia now has close to 16,000 teachers, it is said.

The State Board of Education held its regular bi-monthly meeting in Richmond this week at which time the Board in addition to regular routine business transacted, set up an important regulation regarding the minimum pupils to constitute a legal two room, three-room and more than three room school Up to this time the minimum size of a one-room school had been provided for, but schools of more than one-rom have not been covered by similar regulations.

The State Board of Education added to the following books to the supplementary list of textbooks, which will enable those school boards who desire to do so to use these text books McVeen, Good Manners and Right Conduct, Book II, D. C. Heath & Co., Aldine Second Reader, Newson & Co., Smith, Our Virginia, State Publishing Co.; Eggleston, Stories of Great Americans, American Book Co.; Baldwin, Fifty Famous Stories Retold, American Book Co.; Richard of Jamestown, American Book Co. A new revised edition of Locker, Easy Method of Writing, was authorized as a substitute for the old edition which is now on the basal textbook list.

Among the other business transacted by the board was the adoption of the report of the committee on higher institutions of learning which report carries the rating of the State colleges and junior colleges for the next academic year.

We read in an exchange that an Indiana man claims to have found where Noah's ark landed. A more timely job would be to find where the dove of peace went.

TOBACCO PLANTS REPORTED SHORT

Tardiness of Crop In Pittsylvania Another Feature of Cold Season.

Danville, May 23.—Further evidence of the shortage in tobacco plants is given in reports from here by Rev. Mr. Wilson, a Primitive Baptist minister, who has just returned from a mission in the northern part of Pittsylvania county.

"A large landowner who planted out more tobacco beds than he could use has been offered the sum of $1,000 by neighboring farmers for one large bed so that they can have a supply of plants.

This is significant to those who know the customs of tobacco farming. It has from time immemorial been the custom for growers who had more plants than they could use to divide them up among less unfortunate neighbors free of charge.

A tour through this section further reveals the tardiness of the crop. Acres of land is prepared for the tobacco plants but little has yet been planted as the cold weather has stunted their growth and in many instances destroyed them.

While rain has been lacking the cold winds which have prevailed have quickly dried out the land and tobacco fies have wrought considerable havoc. From present indications the crop will not amount to the intended proportions and it will be an unusually late harvest.

BERRY SHIPMENTS BECOME HEAVIER

Peak Will Be Reached This Week—Lack of Labor May Have Some Effect.

Cape Charles, May 23.—Strawberry shipments from the Eastern Shore, which are now at their height, are expected to move forward rapidly from this point for the remainder of the week, Smith & Co. and the market opened off strong at $7.00 f. o. b. Monday, but has steadily decreased until Tuesday the best were going at $4.50. However, the opinion of the brokers is that the prices of good stock will hold around this figure for the coming week.

Considerable difficulty is being experienced in securing sufficient labor to keep the berries picked as fast as they ripen and it is feared that heavy losses will result next week when the season will be on in earnest unless more berry pickers are secured from other sections. Committees from all sections of the shore are endeavoring to locate berry pickers.

Stuart to Deliver An Address at Confederate Cemetery Memorial Day

Hon. Henry Carter Stuart, ex-governor of Virginia and nephew of the beloved General J. E. B. Stuart, will deliver the memorial address at the Confederate cemetery, May 30th at 11 A. M.

The parade will form at Liberty Baptist Church at 10 o'clock with Col. R. F. Burke, chief marshall. All veterans of both wars are urged to be present and wives of veterans, daughters of Confederacy, the sons of veterans, all school children organizations are especially invited to cooperate for the success of the occasion. Hon. R. L. Burke will introduce the orator, Hon. S. L. Ferguson will present the new dais to the veterans and Col. J. W. Flood will accept in their behalf.

Revs. East, Bates and Pippin will have charge of religious ceremony, Prof. Moore of music, and the daughters will serve lunch to the veterans on the ground. Automobiles are requested by the U. D. C's and flowers are solicited for decoration of graves.

Come one, come all! Gov. Stuart is one of the most pleasing orators of Virginia.

C. S. McDearmon Takes Charge As Agent Here

Mr. C. S. McDearmon, of Evergreen, who succeeds Mr. J. A. Sears, our former agent, assumed charge of the N. & W. Depot last week. We wish to welcome Mr. McDearmon into our midst and hope the time is not far distant when he will move his family here.

Mr. R. D. Wilson, the popular young relief agent, who has been with us the past few months, left for his home at Crewe yesterday. We regret to see Mr. Wilson leave us, as he performed the duties of the office efficiently and courteously and was liked by all who knew him.

PRISONER DRIVES CAR INTO RIVER

Officer Makes Mistake in Allowing Moonshiner to Drive His Own Car.

Harrisonburg, May 19.—Permitting an alleged moonshiner to drive his own car on the way to jail here, all but proved fatal to Deputy Sheriff W. E. Lucas early Monday as the machine plunged off an abutment to the bridge over the Shenandoah river at Elkton and both the officer and his prisoner, Denny Shifflett, are in the hospital here with severe injuries.

County officers declare that Shifflett deliberately steered the machine over the abutment in an effort to make good a previous boast that he would never be taken alive with a car load of moonshine. The car was running about 25 miles an hour and just as the abutment was reached, the front wheeles turned directly for the railing.

After plunging about 30 feet the car hit a tree at the base of the embankment rolled over several times and landed in the river right side up. Deputy Lucas was pinned in but managed to hold Shifflett, who was in a dazed condition, above the water until help arrived.

Shifflett is believed to have sustained a fracture of the skull, in addition to numerous cuts and bruises about the head and body.

Postoffice and Bank Building Repairs Are Nearing Completion

Our town is taking on its former appearance after the damage sustained by the fire of April 6. The handsome postoffice building will soon be finished, also the Farmers' National Bank building and will soon be as attractive as before. The stores and the Bank of Appomattox are also putting on a coat of paint and will soon be as attractive as before.

There is much building and repairing being done in our town now. Foundation is being dug for the brick store of J. S. Smith & Co. and the carload to treat for the prisoners' release. The other is the bandits' demand, repeated again and again, that because they cannot trust the promises of the Chinese Government, guarantee that their terms will be met, must be given from some responsible source. Opposed to this latter position is the stand of the foreign diplomats that the Chinese Government is held responsible for the safety of the prisoners, and it must obtain their freedom. And Friedman says, and Berbue says that unless the captives are released soon they are doomed.

Mutiny Is Feared

Advices from Tsaochwang state that mutiny is feared among the troops policing the bandit zone. They have not been paid for eighteen months and are reported to be fraternizing with the outlaws even to the extent of selling the brigands the Government ammunition they carry. Some of the soldiers are still said to be encircling the brigands forces, despite repeated assertions from Chinese official quarters that they had been withdrawn to insure the safety of the foreign prisoners in response to the outlaws' ultimatum.

"Drastic Action" Threat

The diplomatic corps, headed by its dean, J. B. DePreitas, the Portuguese minister twice has called on the Chinese government to speed up negotiations for release of the fifteen foreigners held in the temple of Paotzukn. The last time representations formed the ministers were "awaiting with impatience" action by the Pekin regime.

On his way from Shanghai to Peking American Minister Schurman stopped off at Tsaochwang long enough to tell the Chinese officials there to get results and get them quickly or "drastic action" would be taken.

"Get the prisoners out and talk terms afterwards," was the keynote of the Friedman message.

AMERICANS DOOMED AS THE BANDITS PREPARE FOR BLOODY EXECUTION OF FOREIGNERS CAPTURED 2 WEEKS AGO

Facing Death At Hands of Robbers

Will Be Shot As Warning That Ultimatum Must Be Obeyed.

ARE PLEADING FOR LIVES

Two Factors Have Clogged Negotiations for Release of Captives.

Peking, May 23.—Fifteen foreigners, six of them Americans, some of them ill, all of them weary, bruised and foot-sore, poorly fed and worn clad, tonight are looking death in the face in the Paotzukn hills of Shantung province, as they prepared the end of their second week as captives of the bandits who raided the Shanhai-Peking Express near Suchow, May 6.

If the foreign and Chinese governments are unable to satisfy the brigands Tuesday that their terms for the release of the prisoners will be met and the borer chieftain makes good his threat, two of the Americans and two Britishers have little more time to live.

They will be shot as a warning that the marauders mean to force compliance with their demands under the chief's ultimatum sent out Saturday

Pleading for Lives.

"We are pleading for our lives," and unless Peking, Washington and London realize that the bandits are ready to sacrifice their own lives and those of all their captives in their fight for reinstatement in the Chinese Government, immune from punishment, "we are surely doomed," is the statement made by Leon Friedman, one of the Americans speaking for all.

Friedman's message sent to his brother in Shanghai has stirred the diplomatic corps of Peking to demanding that American and British Governments guarantee the promise of the Chinese Government to the outlaws and win the freedom of their imprisoned nationals.

Shadow of Death

The shadow of death has descended seven times this week on the bandit prison corrals in the Paotzukn hills. Two of the Chinese prisoners were thrown from the cliffs because their promised ransoms had not been paid and five others were shot in accordance the failure to obey orders. One man, Marcelo Berube, a Frenchman, of Shanghai, was given his freedom with instructions from Wang, the be-spectacled, scholarly young bandit leader, to go to Peking and lay before the Chinese Government and the foreign diplomatic corps the desperate plight of the fifteen others. Berube will tell his story and present the ultimatum of the outlaws to the diplomats, including Dr. Jacob Gould Schurman, American minister, who has returned to the capitol from Shanghai and the bandit zone.

Two factors apparently have clogged negotiations for the release of the captives. One is the bickering between Chinese officials at Tsaochwang, who have poured in there by the people on a basis of sound business, free from consideration of private interests or pride of preconceived opinions. There can be no doubt that there is a rapidly growing opposition to the policy of piling up a huge debt on the state for road construction in the face of a positive demonstration by the governor of Virginia, corroborated by the auditor, by the State Highway Commissioner and the state accountant that all the work proposed and urged by the bond advocates can be done within a period of only two years longer than that which would be necessarily consumed under the bond system.

Roads Paid for in Advance.

"In the first case, we would have the roads paid for and the state would have her taxable resources to draw on for maintenance and expansion of the system. In the second case, that of the bond system, we would have the tail end of the State system completed two and certainly not more than three years sooner, but along with the roads a minimum of $75,000,000 debt, cropping the present State debt, the interest on which, together with the sinking fund will mortgage for this and two or three generations the reasonable sources of revenue of the state.

"The people are around to the fact that the prosperity to go in debt, public and private, has already carried the people too far. The day of reckoning is already looming up before them and admonishes us all to a policy of prudent husbandry of our resources."

12-Year-Old Boy Is Acquitted of Murder

Whitesburg, Ky., May 23.—Much interest was centered in the Perry Circuit Court at Hazard when young Boyd Lewis, barely 12-years old, formerly of Leslie County, faced the charge of murder. It was charged that the Lewis boy had murdered Willie Herd, 16 years old, with whom he had trouble in school at Mace's Creek, nearly two years ago. The murder is said to have occurred near the school house where they were attending. Several witnesses were heard.

The jury returned a verdict of acquittal.

According to the evidence the murder was purely accidental. Both youths were members of good families of eastern Kentucky.

Dempsey Ready To Fight Wills

Great Falls, Monta., May 23.—Jack Kearns, manager of Jack Dempsey, announced here this afternoon that it had practically been decided to sign articles for Dempsey to fight Harry Wills, the negro heavyweight in New York Labor Day. Size of the purse and division thereof, remain undecided, it was said. Kearns intimated that the arrangements were being made with Tex Rickard, promoter.

The boys won't stay on the farms because the girls have gone, and the girls won't stay because the boys have skipped.

Appomattox Juniors Lose to Brookneal

The Appomattox Junior Varsity opened its season Tuesday afternoon with the Second team from Brookneal losing by the score of 6-4 The game was closely contested throughout and at the beginning of the ninth inning the score was 4-3 in favor of Appomattox. A batting rally in the ninth coupled with some errors won the game for Brookneal. Drinkard, who struck out 12 men while Henderson got 11.

Batteries—Appomattox: Drinkard, C. and Drinkard F. Brookneal: Henderson and Kent.

The Juniors play Naruna next Tuesday at the Fair Grounds here. Come out and see a good game.

CITIZENS FORM "PAY AS YOU GO ORGANIZATION"

Will Lay Facts On Best Method of Road Building Before the Public.

Richmond, May 16.—Governor Henry C. Stuart, of Elk Garden, Russel county, president of the organization formed here and known as the Pay-As-You-Go Road Association. It is a statewide affair. Governor Stuart was here for a short time Friday, and when asked for a statement hurriedly dictated the following, saying he would give a prepared outline of the aims of the association at an early date:

"It is our purpose to present to the public all the facts bearing on the question of construction and financing of the state highway system as defined by the General Assembly. There is no disagreement with the bond advocates on the advantage, and indeed the necessity for good roads but there is and will be until decided by the voters a difference as to the safest and best way to finance the proposition.

To Correct Wrong Impressions

"The Pay-As-You-Go Association will devote its energies to disseminating facts and correcting errors with a view to placing the issues be-

officials at Tsaochwang, comfortable in the 24 sleeping cars parked on the railway siding, argue among themselves as to how this or that shall be done to free the fifteen who are sleeping on the bare ground in the Shantung mountains, clad in thin rags and tatters, under-fed and some of them in urgent need of medical and hospital care.

Today it was announced that Wu Yu-Lin, minister of communications, who headed the central government's delegation at Tsaochwang, had abandoned his conference with the outlaws when he received their latest dictum that all troops be withdrawn from Shantung province and that the bandit forces said to aggregate upwards of 8,000 men, be constituted the provincial army.

This information brought the statement that the diplomatic corps would make new and stronger representations to the Chinese government. And so the situation stands tonight after days have dragged along since the train raid near Suchow. Fourteen men and one woman, a little Mexican senora, wife of Manual A. Veres, one of the prisoner's who refuses to leave her husband's side are waiting, they hope, for freedom.